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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAMOTSU KONDOW ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 09/996,591 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 30, 2001 :
FOR: METHODS FOR DETERMINING :
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES OF
SINGLE NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice dated December 31, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At page 20, please ~~delete~~ the Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and ~~insert~~ the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 20 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on the next page, please insert the Sequence Listing attached hereto.

REMARKS

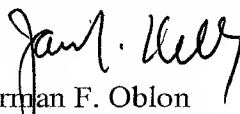
Claims 1-25 are pending.

Applicants have now submitted a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing, and an amendment. Contents of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer-readable Sequence Listing are identical. Support for all the sequences listed in the Sequence Listing can be found in the present application. No new matter is introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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